

From: [Murchie, Peter](#)
To: [Edmondson, Lucy](#); [Kenknight, Jeff](#)
Subject: FW: EX-INDEPENDENCE Hull Cleaning
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From: Elizabeth Babcock - NOAA Federal [mailto:elizabeth.babcock@noaa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 3:27 PM

To: Murchie, Peter ; Opalski, Dan

Subject: Re: EX-INDEPENDENCE Hull Cleaning

New issue for both Keith (Acting ARA in Kim's absence) and me

Kim is out

Matt L drafted a letter of concurrence regarding ESA species' impacts (attached)

We wil call in at 3:30.....

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On Tue, Jan 3, 2017 at 2:28 PM, Murchie, Peter <Murchie.Peter@epa.gov> wrote:

Elizabeth and Kim,

We have an urgent issue that we need to discuss with you. Navy is moving forward with hull cleaning on the EX-INDEPENDENCE in Sinclair inlet on Thursday. We became aware of this a couple of weeks ago. Looks like NMFS (somewhere else) did a review and provided input to Navy that they needed to do the hull cleaning for invasive species issues before transit to Brownsville TX. We have both policy concerns but also significant concerns about the impact on Puget Sound and Salmon.

Hope you are available for a quick call with us.

Feel free to forward this invite to others in NOAA that should be include – also for Michael and Tara feel free to forward this invite as appropriate within EPA.

Thank you,

Peter

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